

Pair square off in Madison Twp.

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Two candidates will vie for one open seat on the Madison Township Board of Trustees — challenger Kenneth R. Gauntner and incumbent Peter V. Wayman.

The township's 10,041 registered voters will weigh in on the matter Nov. 8, according to the Lake County Elections Board. He who wins the trustee seat will earn an annual salary of \$15,997.80, according to the Madison Township Fiscal Office.

The township's current fiscal officer, Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, is running unopposed in her bid for re-election.

Gauntner

Retired from his position as Lake County Administrator, Gauntner touts his 35½ years of full-time experience in county and township government.

Election

Madison Township trustee



If elected, Gauntner said he wants to expand sanitary sewers along Route 20 to support business development along the corridor. He'd also like to see the township's parks improved and more closely attended to, and he would propose the Madison Township Parks Advisory Board be reinstituted with fewer members.

Gauntner also feels the relationship between the township's government and that of Madison Village must improve.

"I have a great respect for what has made the Madison community the wonderful place it is," he said. "However, I believe Madison needs leaders who look to the future with vision and fresh, new ideas."

Wayman

The self-employed farmer and bricklayer has spent the last 12 years as Madison Township trustee.

If re-elected, he said he would like to continue to improve the township's parks. He notes the grants the township has received and pledges to continue applying for such funds.

Wayman also said he'd like to be a part of the new fire stations being built next year by the Madison Fire District, and that he desires to continue providing police, fire and road services to the community in an economical manner.

"I have always been very accessible and will continue to be," he said. "We have been able to continue to provide services without any cuts in a bad economy. We have maintained a very healthy budget."

